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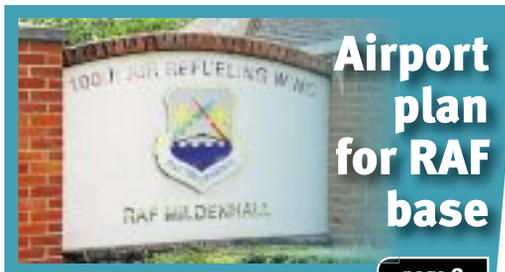

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Expedition slammed as 'an expensive joke'

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A TEAM of young adventurers are facing demands to pay up after they were forced to call off an Icelandic expedition following three separate rescues by emergency helicopter.

The expedition, which included Angus Dowie, 19, from Exning, has been branded an "expensive joke" by an Icelandic MP.

Members of The Coldest Crossing project – all students aged under 21 – have also faced online abuse.

They set out to attempt the youngest mid-winter unsupported crossing of Iceland, a 250-mile journey over 18 days.

Speaking before they set out in October, Angus told the *News*: "The expedition will take approximately four weeks, covering conditions which will see us face 100mph winds and regular temperatures of -30 excluding windchill.

"Due to the country's polar proximity, the sun will also not fully rise through the whole expedition. We will be pulling pulks with all our kit and food for the expedition, being completely self supported."

He said the aim of the expedition was "to encourage the youngsters of our generation to get outdoors and challenge themselves, learning about what they are capable of".

But the project came to grief after Angus suffered a health problem – and it was all finally called off after a third rescue.

THE COLDEST CROSSING: The four university students who set out to cross Iceland PICTURE: Yannick Hausler

And they have now faced calls to pay for the rescues which were done by ICE-SAR search and rescue teams, who are made up of volunteers working in their spare time.

The first rescue happened on December 7, when a storm hit the area and Angus was ill. The second was in the middle of Iceland when one of the team was said to have "early onset frostbite".

In the third, the team said they had "run into real trouble due to heavy rain and sleet that had saturated their equipment".

They then had to be airlifted from the area as it was not easily accessible by ICESAR teams on snowmobiles.

Expedition leader Charlie Smith, 19, said earlier reports of the rescues had been incorrect and that they wanted to set the record straight.

He said: "We have had death threats and all sorts of things. It has been pretty horrendous stuff."

Mr Smith said the expedition had been planned to the right level, and their actions have been defended by the search and rescue team who said they were "properly equipped".

But Icelandic MPs have criticised the cost of the rescues to the search and rescue teams and have questioned whether expeditions should have insurance.

MP Karl Garoarsson said on Facebook: "This is getting an expensive joke for rescue workers etc. Question is: Is it normal in such circumstances that the hikers do not pay the cost of the rescue? Or buy insurance?"

Another MP Elin Hirst said parliament had to do something to protect emergency teams which bore the brunt of "risky behaviour".

However, The Coldest Crossing team have since released a statement from the project manager of ICE-SAR.

In it, Guðbrandur Örn Arnarson said that although he had told the team they "were not choosing the best time to take on an expedition like this", they were properly equipped.

He said: "I met with The Coldest Crossing team with a colleague early in December for three hours and reviewed their plan.

"Our first reaction was to inform the team that they were not choosing the best time to take on an expedition like this... The initial

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Chef Alan runner-up in competition

A CHEF from Mildenhall has come runner up in a national competition.

Alan Cash, chef at Mildenhall Lodge care home was one of two runners up in Care UK's Chef of the Year competition.

He competed against 49 other Care UK chefs from across the country, including four others from Suffolk.

In the final round, Alan had to prepare a two course meal in 90 minutes using a mystery box of ingredients.

Alan said: "I am delighted to be a runner-up in the Chef of the Year competition.

"I was up against some tough national competition but I really enjoyed the opportunity to showcase my cookery knowledge and develop my skill further."

DELIGHTED: Alan Cash, chef at Mildenhall Lodge care home, was one of two runners up in Care UK's Chef of the Year competition.

BUSINESS

Plans submitted to refurbish a High Street pub

JORDAN **DAY**
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ONE of Soham's pubs could soon be given a new lease of life.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received a planning application to refurbish the Red Lion, in High Street.

The applicant is Soham man Peter Leonard, who lives in Manor House, also in the High Street.

The pub closed in January this year and has been boarded up ever since.

In his application to the council, Mr Leonard, whose family were well-known butchers in the town, said: "The proposal is to undertake a complete restoration of the Red Lion public house, reconfiguring the space to create a restaurant with modern toilet and kitchen facilities, private function rooms and ancillary staff accommodation.

"Works will include repairs to the gable end wall, chimney stacks and thatched and tiles rooves."

He added: "No original or historic fabric will be removed."

Ken Oliver ran the pub for around seven years before closing the venue on January 7.

In a statement posted on the pub's Facebook page that evening, Mr Oliver said he hoped someone would come along and refurbish the pub.

The decision on Mr Leonard's proposals lies with planners at the district council and is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say, visit eastcambs.gov.uk and search for planning reference 15/01573/LBC.

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EXPEDITION

Adventurers criticised after expedition ends in airlift rescue

From front page

planned route was also problematic with potential risks. Changes had to be made in order to avoid risks and also to make a potential extraction less problematic.

"To be absolutely clear, the team was not irresponsible and poorly equipped."

He said that despite the three rescues, it was better that they were picked up earlier than later. The statement added: "We have had other teams run into severe trouble in Iceland and they have exposed rescue teams to significant risk by calling for help too late or after they had gotten into severe trouble.

"The Coldest Crossing team was preemptive and cautious, asking for assistance before they needed emergency extraction in the worst conditions."

The team have since said on their Facebook page that they plan to make a donation to ICE-SAR following the rescues.

bRAVO! What a show!

MONTHS of rehearsals and costume making came to fruition for members of the bRAVO! theatre group as they performed in a prestigious West End theatre.

The group, who meet at The Rutland Arms Hotel, performed at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End to 1,216 members of the public.

Principal Anna Damigella said: "It was the best day of our lives! We all had such a blast – I am so proud of each and every one of them."

bRAVO! Theatre Workshops are held every Thursday evening. Email bravotw@hotmail.com

THE SHOW MUST GO ON: bRAVO! Theatre Group outside the theatre before their big show

NEWS IN BRIEF

Speaker and poet at town's Reading Round

JOHN Greening will be the guest at the first meeting of Newmarket's Reading Round.

Author Alison Bruce will be holding the first session of the group, which sees members listen to a piece of writing read aloud and then discussed at length.

Newmarket's Reading Round is now in its second year and will be held on Friday, January 8 at 1pm in Newmarket Library.

10,000 visitors come to Discover Newmarket

TEN thousand people have visited Newmarket and gone behind the scenes of the horseracing industry in 2015 thanks to Discover Newmarket.

The guests have travelled from as far as Australia, Japan and Florida to get a tour and a look at what Newmarket has to offer.

Lissie Hope, manager at Discover Newmarket, said she hoped 2016 would be an "even bigger year".

Mr Holmes is coming to Exning cinema

SHERLOCK Holmes will be coming to Exning on Friday, January 8 at the community cinema.

The community cinema is held at the community church hall in Church Lane, Exning.

Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the door for £4 for adults, and £3 for children under 15

RECYCLING

Waste depot set to open again

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THE recycling centre in Newmarket is set to re-open next month.

The centre, in Depot Road, which is run by local charity Newmarket Open Door, should re-open by the end of February, according to councillors.

Last year, the centre was shut for the disposal of household, garden and wood waste, with the charity citing "rising disposal costs and declining recylate income".

Some of the items which were previously collected by the charity were resold to support them or recycled.

Newmarket Open Door helps homeless young people in Newmarket.

The news of the re-opening comes as it was announced Mildenhall Waste Depot in Holborn Avenue could be set to close under new plans by Forest Heath District Council.

FHDC wrote to Newmarket's town council clerk about the new site, a West Suffolk Operational Hub, detailing how it would improve the way waste was dealt with in the district.

The new waste depot would be near Bury St Edmunds, but would see the closure of the Mildenhall waste depot, the waste collection site at Rougham Hill, and the Bury St Edmunds Waste Depot on Olding Road.

A public consultation will now be held from January 8 for people to have their say and give suggestions for other potential sites.

View the plans by going to westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh.

The consultaton will close at midnight on Friday, February 19.

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HEALTH

Helping mobility with Pos+Ability

IF you are living with a stroke, Parkinson's, MS, muscular dystrophy or other long term neurological illnesses, a class in Exning could help.

Pos+Ability, a chair based exercise class, is launching in Exning in January.

The class is designed to help with balance and resistance, mobility, co-ordination and memory and cognitive skills and the instructor optimises activities for clients.

The classes will start on January 13 and will be held every Wedensday between 1pm and 3pm at Exning Church Hall.

The first session will be free and usually last for more than two hours.

Find out more by calling 07565 598193 or go to *posability.org*.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Willow Autisan sells products made by adults with autism, including letter stands, cushions, aprons and bags

New shop will help workers improve their future employment prospects

A NEW shop has opened which is designed to provide work experience for autistic adults.

Willow Autisan opened in Mildenhall last month, and sells products made by autistic adults including cards and jams.

The initiative comes from the National Autistic Society – and everyone who attends Willow House will be given the chance to work in the store to improve their employment prospects and develop life skills.

It is hoped the shop will create paid jobs for people on the spectrum and "challenge misconceptions about what they can achieve".

The shop is based on the ground floor of Willow House in Mildenhall.

COUNCIL

£40 charge to keep using your brown bin

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A FIGURE has been set for a controversial new charge on garden waste collection.

From this spring, residents of Newmarket and the surrounding area, as well as people across West Suffolk are set to pay an annual subscription of £40 if they want to have their brown bins collected.

A spokesperson for West Suffolk councils said: "Because of budgetary constraints, from April 1, 2016, garden waste collection in Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury will change to a subscription service.

"This means that residents will pay an annual fee to continue to have their brown bin emptied.

"Both councils have agreed in principle to a fee of £40, subject to updates on the creation of the West Suffolk scheme."

The charge has been introduced after cuts in funding from Suffolk County Council.

The West Suffolk councils would have had to find an extra £500,000 to continue providing the free service.

In spite of a number of councillors voicing concerns, the idea to introduce a charge was approved by St Edmundsbury's full council on September 22.

The decision to set the subscription charge at £40 took into account other councils' experience, the impact on the budget and how payments could be made as efficient as possible.

Similar charges made by other councils in the East of England range from £39 in Peterborough to £51.60 in Great Yarmouth.

The councils intend to review the scheme within three years.

One of councillors' concerns about the charge is that it will cause a drop in sustainable disposal of garden waste, with people opting to dispose of it alongside regular waste or resorting to fly-tipping.

The councils intend to encourage home composting and use of waste recycling centres as they introduce the charge.

The next update on the scheme will be made at a joint meeting of the performance and audit scrutiny committees of both councils on January 28.

PLANNING

Town council approves bid for seven flats on site of pub

PLANS for seven flats on the site of The White Lion pub on the High Street in Newmarket have been approved by the town council.

At a meeting of Newmarket Town Council on Monday evening, councillors discussed an outline planning application for seven flats on the site of the pub from the Unex group.

The plans are for two one-bedroom flats, four two-bedroom flats and one three-bedroom flats, as well as a new access road to lead the way to a car park and bin store.

A bus stop will also have to be slightly relocated under the proposals.

Councillors said they could not see any "reason to object" to the planning application and proposed no objections, but Cllr Hood said more details should be given on the access road.

However, Cllr David Hudson said it was a "shame to see another pub go under" to make way for the proposed flats.

ACCIDENT

Car flips on to roof in A14 crash

A DRIVER and passenger escaped serious injury after their car flipped onto its roof on the A14 near Newmarket yesterday morning.

Police were called at 8.55am to the incident which took place on the westbound carriageway between junction 37 for the A142 at Exning, and junction 36 for the A1303 at Six Mile Bottom.

The white BMW had hit a road sign and was left in the ditch upside down.

Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service freed people from the vehicles and the East of England Ambulance service treated two patients.

These included a lorry driver and a car passenger who were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The car passenger was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

Police said the lorry driver left the scene shortly after the incident.

They have appealed for him to get in touch.

Recovery vehicles worked to reopen the road, which was originally blocked, and motorists experienced long delays in the area and through Newmarket town centre as people tried to avoid the road.

Student raises £907 for charity

A FANTASTIC display of Christmas lights has raised more than £900 for Cancer Research UK.

Liam Collis, 16, raised £907.40 from his display outside his home in Brickfields Avenue, Newmarket, in memory of his dad, Peter, who died of cancer six years ago when Liam was just ten.

Liam's grandad, Andy, is also suffering, so Liam set up the display in November running until the New Year.

Liam said: "I am really pleased with the total. There were quite a few people coming and putting money in. I think my dad would probably be very proud."

Liam hopes to make the display bigger and better in Christmas 2016.

CHARITY LIGHTS: Liam Collis at home in Brickfields Avenue, Newmarket
PICTURE: Keith Heppell

COMMUNITY

New funding for charities

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CHARITIES in Newmarket and Mildenhall are benefitting from a cash boost thanks to the district's Community Chest fund.

More than £136,700 is being given by Forest Heath District Council to various projects across the region.

These include Newmarket's Citizen's Advice Bureau who have been given £40,500 to continue to run their drop-in advice service and more in depth case work.

Lynne Rawlings, manager of the CAB in Newmarket, said: "Without this money, we would have had to take some drastic decisions about the Bureau. We would have had to massively reduce the hours we were open or merge with another bureau.

"This allows us to keep the service local and also get an outreach worker who can get out in the local community as a 'nip it in the bud' project to help before people get in difficult situations."

The Voluntary Network has also been given £19,412 for its community transport scheme.

Other organisations benefitting from funding include Fresh Start, New Beginnings, a charity for therapeutic treatment for children who have disclosed sexual abuse, receiving £8,200, and Home-start, giving support to families struggling to cope, who received £13,250.

Our Special Friends, which helps isolated and vulnerable people benefit from animal companionship during bereavement or illness, received £6,000, while the Mildenhall High Town Pirates were given £1,204 to run monthly basketball sessions for young carers.

Cllr Robin Millar, cabinet member for families and communities, said: "This is the first full year of funding to be awarded from the community chest.

"There is a huge mix of projects across the district covering everything from support for young families struggling with post natal depression, multiple births, or just the simple pressure of raising children, through to young carers, and services to help the most vulnerable and isolated members of our communities.

"All of these will make a real difference to benefit people's lives."

The aim of the Community Chest is to "create stronger, more resilient families and communities that are healthy, active, and are helping themselves and each other".

Forest Heath will now be working with each charities to ensure the aim is met.

More cash is available as part of the Community Chest scheme.

To apply under the new round of funding, go to *westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm*.

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BIG FREEZE: Penny Oliver, of Blackthorn Court, Soham, sent us these photos which she took in 2013, to remind us of how winter should look...

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My wife fell in the dark road

WE read your very recent article regarding Paul Brodel's concern about the lack of street lighting in Newmarket with great interest, and hope our experience further illustrates the need for better lighting in the town.
My wife had a serious fall that required medical attention when a group of us were walking back from, ironically, Kings Restaurant in August through the passage from Palace Street returning to Rous Road car park. It was indeed pitch black as described and she tripped on the kerb falling flat on her face.
We wrote to Forest Heath District Council on 21st August who referred us to Newmarket Town Council. Following several phone calls with them we were given a reference number but are still waiting for their decision as to what they intend to do about that area in particular to rectify a very dangerous situation otherwise we have threatened to take action.
C.L. Brown
Cambridge

They can't keep just saying no

I NOTE the Hatchfield Farm saga has surfaced again with the news that a decision had been put off to January 2016.
How long does it take these Whitehall beaurocrats to read the facts? In the meantime the Horse Brigade has seen fit to submit a further report to the Department For Communities & Local Government, no doubt to strengthen their case for objecting.
Councillor Barker is right to criticise Matthew Hancock MP for becoming involved in this dispute, presumably allied to the Horse Brigade.
He needs to remember that he was elected to represent all the voters of this constituency and remain neutral.
It also appears that at the last local elections, the Horse Brigade and their acolytes expanded their influence on the Town Council.
But both they and Forest Heath District Council, to comply with central government requirements on house building, cannot keep saying "No" to further development in the town and expect the villages to take up the slack. (Witness the huge expansion at Red Lodge).
The Horse Brigade are very fond of objecting to development but I am not aware of them putting forward any suggestions as to alternative sites.
It will be interesting to see the reaction should the Jockey Club Estates decide to resurrect their proposed further development on land adjacent to Phillips Close and between Hamilton Road and Churchill Avenue, the plans of which were available for examination a few years back, then I believe were delayed due to the economic downturn. Now that land is surrounded by stables and horse training grounds!
Laurie Offord
Churchill Avenue
Newmarket

Sort the taxis out first

I THINK if FHDC want to increase parking charges fine, but firstly stop the taxis parking anywhere or everywhere so that people like myself who are disabled can find some where to park.
Make them park in parks then an office where one can go and a taxi can come and pick up that person, they are aware there is no wardens and the police just ignore them.
P Greening
Benefield Road
Moulton

You made our lunch special

BACK in October I began to approach the community of Newmarket for donations to Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch for those alone on Christmas Day and the community donated more than you can imagine.
My heartfelt thanks go to the following: Kings Head at Dullingham; The Ormonde at Premier Inn; Lisa Graham Collins; Tesco Newmarket; The Pantry; Fiona Maxwell; Newmarket Community Events; Kerrie Garcia; The Bull; Coffee & Co; Waitrose Newmarket; Carol Darling; Zoe Mercer; Honeyshed Bakery; Kirsti Louise Dare and Newmarket Cakes & Stuff; Romina Coulson; Thai Street Cafe; Bedford Lodge Hotel; Maria Mather; Fairstead House School; Michelle O'Neill; Sarah Lynch; Cindy Goldson; Newmarket Racecourse; Tattersalls; FHDC; Co Op Newmarket; Asda; La Hogue.
And lastly, none of this would happen without Kathleen Das – thanks to Kathleen.
Many thanks and a happy New Year.
Catherina Scott-Hart
Director
Newmarket Community Events Ltd

Who are they trying to fool?

THE Countryside Alliance is surely the biggest joke since the Flat Earth Society by claiming that support for fox hunting is at an all-time high.
This organisation, which claims to fight tooth and nail for rural communities, is nothing more than a mouthpiece for the bloodsports set.
They represent those who long for a return to the days of the chase, the thrill of pursuing a terrified fox before seeing it dragged down and disembowelled.
They represent the upper class at play, the social climber desperate to be seen with the right people and the camp followers who line the country lanes like bleating sheep, drowning in nostalgia for a bygone age.
The pantomime is over again for another year: Tally Ho old bean, see you all again next Boxing Day.
Mike and Ingrid Michalak
Swaffham Road
Burwell

POLICING

Rethink over police cuts fails to halt closure

ALL CHANGE: Officers will still be based at Newmarket police station, under the leadership of new Chief Constable Gareth Wilson, inset, but the front desk will be closed

HANNAH **MIRSKY**
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CUTS to the police service in Suffolk are set to be millions of pounds less than originally feared – but the front desk at Newmarket police station will still close.

Suffolk Constabulary announced last week that its £20.5 million savings target is likely to be reduced by several million after new information from the Home Office.

The force received the details on December 17, after Chancellor George Osborne announced in November that police funding would be protected in the next round of government cuts.

The precise figures will not be revealed until later this month, but Suffolk Police are planning to use the extra available funds for recruitment.

Temporary Chief Constable Gareth Wilson said: "[The] news from the Home Office was far better than we had anticipated and has had a significant impact on our budgeting and savings requirement over the next few years."

The force would now be able to lift a two-year freeze on recruitment significantly earlier than expected, he said.

The news comes after significant cuts to the force – including the axing of 68 PCSO roles – were announced.

Suffolk Police say fewer officers will be lost, but other cuts will go ahead as planned in April. This includes closing the front desk at Newmarket police station – along with many others across the county – to the general public. Only the front desks at Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds are set to remain open.

Temporary Chief Constable Wilson said: "A significant savings requirement still remains, and of equal importance is the need for us to redesign to suit the challenges we face today."

He added: "We need to be structured in a way that enables us to respond to the demands of today and the challenges of the future so that we can continue to keep our communities safe."

Mr Wilson is set to become the new Chief Constable of Suffolk, the force has announced. He has served as the county's Deputy Chief Constable and has been Temporary Chief Constable since last February. His new appointment by the Police and Crime Panel was expected to be approved at a public meeting today.

HEALTH

Get mobile with new exercise class

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IMPROVING THE COUNTY'S POTENTIAL: RAF Mildenhall could have a future as a commercial airport, according to one former councillor.
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RAF base could be a commercial airport

NATALIE **ROBINSON**
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A COMMERCIAL airport on RAF Mildenhall would open up the county's potential and improve its growth.

That is the opinion of ex-councillor for Suffolk, Judy Terry, who has called on the government to mothball plans to build another Heathrow runway and take that investment to Mildenhall instead.

She said that RAF Mildenhall, which is set to close by 2022, losing 4,200 airmen and civillian posts, would be the perfect place for an airport.

In a blog on Conservative Home, Ms Terry said that all investment goes to London but this was an opportunity to give Suffolk its own airport and help it to grow.

Ms Terry, who spent four years in the county council as cabinet member for Economic Development, said that passengers seemed not to be a priority and instead Heathrow is being expanded just for the freight industry.

She said: "Freight inevitably has to be transported around the country. So why does it have to be imported and exported via London where the roads are already clogged up and there are concerns about diesel fumes and the impact on health?

She added: "A new solution could be putting soon-to-be-redundant airfields in the regions to a new use. In the past, decommissioned airfields have become housing or industrial estates, often stunting wider economic growth.

"Given the location... there would be major advantages for the freight industry in having easier access across the country and to Felixstowe port for any onward transmission to the continent and across the globe."

Ms Terry claims that Mildenhall had so far "never lived up to expectations" but could do that if "Heathrow expansion advocates would open their minds to a viable alternative" like an RAF Mildenhall airport.

She said: "For the government, costs would also be lower and it would be easier and quicker to deliver the additional capacity.

"There is plenty of space to create new, efficient warehousing, and salaries are lower than in the London area. Housing is also cheaper.

"The local council would have increased business rates and the Treasury would benefit from higher tax income as more jobs were created, and the benefits budget declined."

The former councillor also hails the region's "world class scientific and technical research" and said that an airport development "would also boost further private investment" in the region.

Ms Terry said: "Unlike its neighbours in Essex and Norfolk, Suffolk doesn't have a commercial airport, which has had a seriously detrimental impact on its growth.

"Mildenhall could change that and improve so many lives."

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COUNCIL

75 years for grave

THE amount of time family members will be able to lease a grave for their deceased loved ones has dropped from 99 years to 75 years.

Newmarket Town Council decided to decrease the amount of time families could own the plots to bring it in line with other cemeteries in the county.

Councillors first considered dropping the lease of a plot to 50 years, but decided that was not long enough. Instead they were unanimous in deciding to drop the lease to 75 years.

CHARITY

Donation for your Christmas cards

CHRISTMAS cards can be recycled at Sainbury's stores in Mildenhall this month to help protect the world's forests.

The supermarket chain have announced that until January 13, all cards can be recycled via an in-store collection point – and boxes are now in place at more than 1,000 supermarket and convenience stores.

All of the Christmas cards will be recycled and depending on the volume collected, a donation will be made to the Forest Stewardship Council UK (FSC UK).

Last year, 87 tonnes of cards were recycled through the store, weighing the equivalent of 500 reindeer, and resulting in a donation of more than £12,000 to FSC UK, which supported work to "promote responsible management of the world's forests".

Drop your cards off until January 13.

BUSINESS

Back in step with dancing dreams

LET'S DANCE: Louise Fairweather-Chapman from Soham is becoming a dance teacher at the age of 49 and was presented with her qualification by Darcey Busell, inset
Picture: Richard Patterson

JORDAN **DAY**
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A MUM is fulfilling her dreams of teaching children how to dance.

Louise Fairweather-Chapman might be 49 but that hasn't stopped her returning to the world of dance almost two decades after she left it behind when she started a family.

Now that her two sons are 12 and 18, Louise, from Soham, decided it was time to pull on her dancing shoes again, and she has recently qualified as a Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) children's ballet teacher.

She said: "Returning to the world of dance almost two decades later has been like returning home.

"I have gone full circle, returning back to my roots.

"I even returned to my childhood school and teacher, Tina Pilgrim, who became my mentor in order to complete my practical teaching year with the RAD.

"I will always be extremely grateful for her undertaking this role, providing such invaluable support and guidance."

During her student training years, Louise successfully auditioned for three vocational schools, accepting and attending two full-time vocational schools consecutively.

The former was with the London College of Dance and Drama the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing College (ISTD) and the latter was a foundation year at Bodywork Dance Company in Cambridge (now known as Cambridge Performing Arts) under the direction of principal Theresa Kerr and the late Patrick Kerr.

She said: "Despite being successful in vocational training I was unsuccessful in gaining a grant, something which still prevents many talented students from further training to this day.

"While at Bodywork I worked as the studio receptionist gaining both training and student teacher experience as and when I could."

Louise qualified in November 2014 and the graduation ceremony took place last summer in Battersea.

Strictly Come Dancing judge, Darcey Bussell, presented Louise with her certificate.

She said: "My ambition has always been to teach dance and gaining my qualification through the RAD has secured my passion."

Louise teaches across Cambridgeshire.

Visit *rad.org.uk/learntodance* for her contact details.

HEALTH

Lose weight the healthy way with new courses

YOUNG people and their families who are looking for a way to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight are being invited to a free course being held in Newmarket or Mildenhall.

Live Well Suffolk is starting a weight management programme in Newmarket at the Rookery Medical Centre.

The one-to-one sessions will start on Tuesday, January 12 between 3.30pm and 6pm and will then run every fortnight.

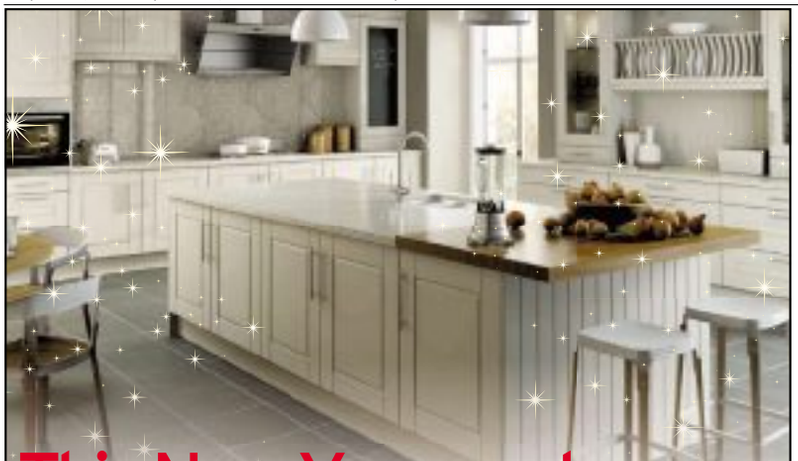
The course is completely free and is aimed at children aged between two and 16 who are currently above a healthy weight.

In Mildenhall, Live Well Suffolk will be starting a free Sportivate course, with the aim to inspire 14 to 17 year olds to be more physically active.

This course will be held at Mildenhall Academy starting on Wednesday, January 13. It will run every week until March from 4pm to 5.30pm.

Nick Shea, who will be running the groups, said: "The new year is the perfect time to break old habits and form new ones, so if this sounds like something your family could benefit from please don't hesitate to get in touch with us."

For more information and to prebook, call Live Well Suffolk on (01473) 229292.



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COURT

Woman charged with conspiracy to murder

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A WOMAN from Red Lodge has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder after a man was shot in Bury St Edmunds in August.

Rebecca Deferia, of Carnation Way, Red Lodge, appeared at Ipswich Magistrates Court where she was remanded in custody to appear at Ipswich Crown Court on January 12.

Police were called to Forum Court in Bury St Edmunds on August 4 at 6.45pm to reports that a man in his 30s had been shot in the stomach.

Five men have also previously been charged with conspiracy to commit murder. They are: Simon Webber, 31, of Sydenham Close, Bridgwater, Somerset; Frank Warren, 51, of Victoria Road, Dorchester; Andrew Seaton, 40, of Frome View, Maiden Newton, Dorchester; Paul Baker, 35, of Neils View, Maiden Newton, Dorchester; and Colin Deferia, 59, of Battisford Road, Barking, Suffolk.

All have pleaded not guilty. They will remain in custody pending a trial listed to begin at Ipswich Crown Court on April 11.

A second woman, aged 60, who was originally arrested on August 5 remains on bail until January 21.

INVESTIGATION: The scene where the incident took place at Station Hill, Bury St Edmunds
Picture: RAF Lakenheath/Courtesy

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man arrested after theft at supermarket

A MAN was arrested in Newmarket High Street on suspicion of theft from a supermarket.

A taxi was stopped in the High Street at about 1.50pm on Tuesday after police were called by the store at about 1.30pm.

One person was arrested after alcohol was allegedly stolen, but police said another person made off from the scene.

Pupils on song with care home residents

WARM WELCOME: Youngsters from the Old School House nursery in Stetchworth went to Jubilee Court care home to sing carols to the residents

CHILDREN from the Old School House nursery in Stetchworth entertained Jubilee Court care home residents with carols.

Gemma Hobson, deputy manager, said: "It's a wonderful opportunity for the youngest and oldest members of our community to come together and share their experiences."

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EDUCATION

Fewer Academy pupils opting for university, research shows

EXAMINATION: Howard Lay, chairman of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust, which runs Newmarket Academy, said that family background and culture play a big part in students going on to higher education

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HANNAH MIRSKY
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NEW research has revealed that students in areas of Newmarket and the Forest Heath district are less likely to go to university, despite good results.

Eriswell and the Rows and Great Heath, both in the district, as well as Soham South, are all in the bottom 10 nationally in terms of the gap between GCSE attainment and university attendance.

The figures, produced by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, rank wards across England in terms of the gap between the number of young people that might be expected to go to university based on their GCSE results and the number that actually do go on to higher education.

The researchers have grouped all wards nationally into 10 "deciles" based on how likely high achieving students are to go to university.

Fordham, Soham North, Lakenheath, St Mary's in Newmarket, and Cheveley are also in the low deciles, at level two, the second bottom category.

In the St Mary's ward, the percentage gap between expectation and attainment is 6.8 per cent.

Howard Lay, chairman of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust, which runs Newmarket Academy, said that family background and culture play a big part in whether students end up going into higher education.

He said: "It's to do with a history of attending university in the family and around confidence and developing that sense of expectation.

"If the expectation isn't in the family, then the school's got a responsibility to do that."

He said that at schools in the Samuel Ward Academy Trust, outreach activities such as trips to universities and publishing a magazine of students' best work are used to encourage high achievers to consider university.

Nick Froy, head of Newmarket Academy, agreed with Mr Lay. He said: "Newmarket is a vibrant local economy offering career opportunities across an incredibly wide range of employment opportunities and this is clearly very attractive – especially when set against the backdrop of substantial debt and no further guarantees of employment after university."

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SPECIAL FEATURE

‘Our family time is finally now starting’

Two-year-old Sebastian Brockenshire-Dyke, from Snailwell, underwent life-changing surgery following a £70,000 fund-raising campaign which captured the hearts of the community. Reporter Natalie Robinson caught up with the family just before Christmas to hear of the amazing progress the little boy is making

SUPERHERO: Seb with his walking frame

A TODDLER from Snailwell has been able to dance for the very first time – after life-changing surgery in America.

When 2-year-old Sebastian Brokenshire-Dyke was diagnosed with cerebral palsy last year, his family feared he would spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

But this Christmas, after a £70,000 campaign to fund crucial treatment, little Seb can not only stand up by himself for short periods but has started to dance, stamping his feet to the music.

And last week he took his first steps.

Seb lives with his mum and dad, Lorna and James, and twin brother Solomon.

Lorna said the surgery had transformed the family's hopes for the future.

She said: “Seb was diagnosed at 15 months old after failing to meet his developmental milestones. That was a really difficult time for us as a family because we didn't know much about the condition – and we feared the worst.”

After months of research, Lorna stumbled upon a procedure called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR), which removes spasticity in the legs and enables patients to move more freely.

“When I first heard about it, I discounted it because it's such an invasive procedure,” Lorna said.

“I thought it was brilliant, but not for my child. But then, through Facebook we saw other families going through the same thing.

“There were children with more severe disabilities than Seb doing really well. Kids that were already confined to a wheelchair and largely had been written off by their healthcare providers had got up and walked.”

Soon, Lorna was completely convinced – and on October 1 began what they envisaged would be a year long campaign to raise £70,000 – enough to pay for Seb's surgery in America and physio afterwards.

Their efforts included a three-legged marathon, a sponsored toddle on Newmarket Heath,

GIANT STEPS: Practising walking

FAMILY: Seb with mum Lorna and twin brother Solomon, right
PICTURE: Richard Patterson

SPECIAL FEATURE

SMILES: Sebastian with surgeon, Dr Tae Sung Park

and Tough Mudder events, amongst hundreds of others by people up and down the country.

Their marathon raised £15,000 – and a place in the Guinness World Record books – and they reached their target in May, five months ahead of schedule.

In October, Seb, Solomon, Lorna and James travelled to St Louis in the USA with "world leader", Dr Tae Sung Park who has done more than 3,000 operations of this type with a 100 per cent success rate.

Lorna said that while the surgery was a complete success, the uncertainty was how Seb would do in physiotherapy.

She said: "His surgeon has predicted that he will be an independent walker. We have no doubt that is going to happen, but what we don't know is when it will happen or how quickly he will achieve the goals he has been forecasted.

"If he puts in the work, one day in a few years he is going to be similar to his brother. That was always our biggest, most powerful motivator – the fact that we had the two of them.

"But having twins really highlighted the differences in quite a painful way – that was something that motivated us to get the surgery and find a solution."

Now, just two-and-a-half months on, Seb provides a new gift often as he progresses.

Lorna said: "Since surgery, he has already learnt to stand for a few seconds by himself. His posture is better and he can sit more comfortably. His legs just move completely differently. He can swing his leg to get up onto something – climbing is transformed."

And just a few weeks before Christmas, Seb danced for the first time.

Lorna said: "As a parent of a child who has a physical disability, you downgrade all your expectations to shelter yourself from disappointment.

"You take away the significance of that milestone because otherwise it's just crushing if you carry on thinking about the things he can't do.

"Then he danced, stamping in time with the music, and it chokes you because you just think 'I didn't think he'd be able to do that'.

"It's such a simple pleasure – and we can suddenly start ticking the list and putting all these things back on there and it's incredible."

Now enjoying a new physio room, renovated for free by Mobile Minis UK, Seb is ticking off boxes left, right and centre.

Lorna said: "Seb's surgery has reset our family's future as to what we thought it would be.

"Things we imagined doing like walking down the beach as a family – just really simple things but things we wanted to do together.

"They are very important and we had them taken away from us when he was diagnosed.

"With his condition, by ten or early teens, mobility declines and they end up wheelchair bound. That's just not going to happen now with him. He's not going to have that premature aging. It's been eliminated at two years old."

Recently, the NHS has announced they have no further funding for the surgery in the UK after carrying out a clinical trial last year – something Lorna feels very strongly about.

"Now every family who wants this for their child will either have to wait for results of the clinical trial and a decision to routinely fund it which is going to be years in the making, or their only option is to fundraise like we did which is really hard," Lorna said.

"We think it should be available on the NHS because it's such a life changing procedure and it's proven."

For now, the Brokenshire-Dykes are continuing with Seb's progress and supporting other families fundraising for the same treatment.

Lorna said: "Last Christmas was really difficult because we were still coming to terms with his diagnosis.

"There was a massive difference with what they [Seb and Solomon] could both do.

"At Christmas, you look ahead at what the next year is going to bring and for the first time as a family, we have nothing but good things to look forward to.

"He is improving every week. This is our family time finally starting."

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Verge could be covered in grasscrete

AN area in Burwell could be 'grasscreted' under new plans by the parish council.

Grasscrete is concrete which is then either covered in grass or has grass growing in areas of it.

The parish council is applying for partial funding to 'grasscrete' the roadside verge in The Causeway where cars park half on the verge, half on the road.

The council said that they had no plans to stop the parking on the verge, because residents had no choice, but wanted to make it safer for both drivers and pedestrians.

A letter to residents said: "We have no wish to stop this practice as we fully understand why it happens.

"However it is unsightly and a hazard to residents accessing their cars or trying to cross the verge, particularly in wet or freezing conditions."

Dancing for children

A DANCE school is being held at Burwell Sports Centre.

Performance Without Limits will be holding classes in Burwell on Monday afternoons.

The classes are in three groups, and are aimed at children between four and 16. The classes are held on Mondays between 3.55pm and 7.35pm.

Call Sophie on 07510 611231 for details.

Last chance to see the Tigers bare all

TEAM EFFORT: Support the Tigers and buy the naked calendar to raise money for CALM and the Burwell Tigers youth team

TIME is running out to get your hands on a naked calendar from the Burwell Tigers before the year gets into full swing.

The Burwell Tigers adult team are selling the calendars to raise money for the youth team and for CALM, the Campaign Against Living Miserably, which is dedicated to preventing male suicide.

Jack Smith, who helped to organise the calendar, said they were raising money for CALM in memory of their friend Ryan Lynch, who sadly took his own life two years earlier.

Ryan played with some of the adult team players and played for the Tigers from under eights to under 16s.

Jack previously told the *News* that they had always wanted to do a calendar of this kind.

He said: "Some of the pictures are absolutely hilarious. Every month you'll get a laugh out of it, if nothing else."

The team are hoping to raise £5,000. The calendars are on sale in Burwell Post Office for £10 or by going to facebook.com/BTFCcharitycalendar where there is a Paypal link to buy yours online.

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Neil gets OBE for work during the ebola crisis

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A MAN from Burwell has been recognised for his work during the ebola crisis as part of the New Year's Honours list.

Neil Bentley spent five months in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis last year, setting up three laboratories in the West African country.

The 52-year-old, who is head of specialist microbiology technical services for Public Health England, has received an OBE in the new year list.

The labs were set up in Makeni, Kerry Town and Port Loko under the direction of UK Royal Engineers, Public Health England and the Department for International Development.

Set up as part of an agreement with the British Government, the laboratories meant blood samples and swabs could be sent from all over West Africa to be tested for Ebola.

However, in Neil's first visit, he found the laboratories didn't have basic amenities like running water or toilets, meaning the team had to completely start from scratch.

Once set up, having the labs turned the waiting time for test results from four or five days to just 24 hours.

The father-of-two told the *News*: "Before we arrived, patients suspected of having ebola were going into these ebola waiting clinics and were sometimes in there for four or five days.

"If they didn't have ebola when they went into the clinics, chances were they did when they came out.

"Getting samples to the labs as quickly as possible was the key."

AT WORK: Neil Bentley, pictured in the labs in Sierra Leone during the ebola crisis

While the original laboratories that Neil and his team set up are now being closed, they are leaving "legacy" clinics in the local hospitals, which will be able to diagnose ebola and many other diseases.

Neil added: "I think the work that was done will hopefully help to prepare people there better for any future outbreak."

While he knew that he and his team had done a good job of setting up the laboratories, he did not expect any recognition.

He said: "When I got the letter from the Cabinet Office about the honour, I was a bit worried before I opened it.

"I'm technically a civil servant and I thought I'd done something wrong!

"I couldn't believe what it said at first. I knew I had done a good job but I didn't know it had got to such a level.

"The most important thing is the team in the UK and Sierra Leone – without them we wouldn't be anywhere at all.

"It's a shame it couldn't have gone to the whole team."

Neil is now getting ready to polish his shoes and don his suit to go to Buckingham Palace and meet the Queen or other senior royals to collect his award.

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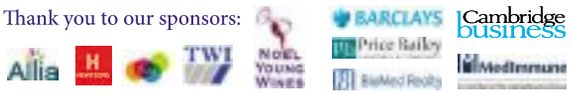

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Curtain up!

THE curtain goes up for Sleeing Beauty in Newmarket on Saturday, for the NOMADS annual pantomime.

Princess Rose is cursed by the bad witch after her parents, King Cactus and Queen Marigold, forgot to invite her to their daughter's christening.

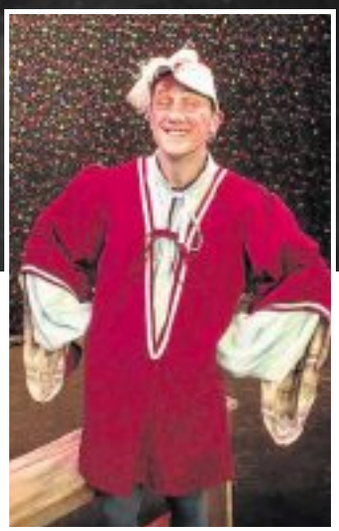
King Cactus and Queen Marigold hide all sharp objects from the Kingdom to stop their daughter from pricking herself for almost 21 years.

But Bad With Hazel tricks the princess and pricks her finger, seeing her fall into a deep sleep along with the rest of the residents of the Kingdom.

How will they wake up, will they ever get to eat the 21st celebration birthday cake, and will Princess Rose ever meet her prince?

Director Jamie Maguire said: "Our annual panto is one of the most popular shows we stage because it is good fun, colourful, musical and a great night out, whatever your age. Our talented and experienced cast of Sleeping Beauty will make you laugh, tap your toes and if you dare, indulge in a spot of heckling!"

■ Sleeping Beauty, written by Alan P Frayne, from Saturday, January 9 – Saturday, January 16. Evening performances will start at 7.30pm, while matinees will be performed on Saturday 9 and 16 at 4pm, and Sunday 10th and 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for concessions. Call the Box Office on 01638 663337 to get your tickets, or go to ticketsource.co.uk/event/108773 where all performances are listed.



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ROUND UP

● WILBURTON Theatre Group is staging The Addams Family at Cambridge's ADC Theatre this week. The production is running from Tuesday to Saturday, following its successful run in Wilburton in May.
Performances are at 7.45pm each night, plus there will be a 2.30pm matinee performance on the Saturday. Tickets are £14 each or £11 for concessions. Call (01223) 300085 or visit adctheatre.com.

● QUASIMODO (Three pantos for the price of one) is being performed in Haddenham this week. The show is running at the Arkenstall Centre from Thursday through to Saturday.
Performances are at 7.30pm each evening, plus there is a 2.30pm matinee performance on the Saturday.
Tickets for the Friday and Saturday shows cost £7.50, and tickets on the Thursday evening are £5.50.
Tickets for the Friday and Saturday are available from Haddenham Galleries by calling (01353) 749188. Tickets for the Thursday evening are available on the door only.

● WITH the New Year comes a new art exhibition at the Alliance Française Cambridge.
The exhibition is by French artist Söberland, and features 20 black and white pieces influenced by the tattoo and street art cultures. Creating a surreal monochrome universe, with a dark and poetic atmosphere, Söberland has no plan or outline to her work, with each piece drawn from her subconscious.
The exhibition is part of Alliance Française Cambridge's continuing mission to encourage and develop knowledge of the French language and Francophone cultures in our society.
ART EXHIBITION: Söberland, Alliance Française Cambridge, Saturday, January 9 to Tuesday, February 9. Find out more about the exhibition at alliance-cam.co.uk

COMEDY THEATRE

Meet the hilarious kings of improv...

Hold on to your hats: the mighty comedy juggernaut that is The Noise Next Door are comin' at ya!

The kings of improv, and all-round cheeky chaps, have been performing their own brand of off-the-cuff comedy since they met at university, and, it's fair to say, there's nobody quite like them.

With absolutely no script, they transform audience suggestions into comedy scenes and songs in the blink of an eye, with seriously hilarious results.

Think ludicrous characters, witty one-liners, epic stories, and explosive physicality, underpinned by their infectious, feel-good brand of humour.

2015 was a huge year for the quintet with their eighth consecutive sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, plus appearances on BBC One, ITV2, BBC Three and BBC Radio One. We're expecting 2016 to be even better!

Billed as the One Direction of comedy, the five boys are:

Charlie Granville – A Brighton lad with a taste for high society and the finer things in life.

Sam Pacelli – His Italian heritage has instilled him with a fiery passion for life, a flagrant disregard for traffic laws and an uncontrollable need to offer parmesan and black pepper to anyone he sees eating.

Tom Livingstone – Spent his formative years in the deepest, darkest corner of rural Devon proving that size did not always directly relate to suitability for manual labour.

Following intellectual endeavours instead, Tom is now technically the world's most educated troll.

Matt Grant – Matt was born in Kenya and raised in Kent. When faced with a challenge, Matt either hunts the problem with a spear or holds a bake sale in its honour. . . mixing the two approaches rarely ends well.

Tom Houghton – Tom was born in North Yorkshire but was raised on army bases all over the globe where he learnt useful skills such as cheeky eyebrow raising, moisturising on a budget and the words to every Disney film. . . the usual military stuff.

The Noise Next Door: Noise in the Hood, Cambridge Junction, Friday, January 15 at 7pm. Tickets £15 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

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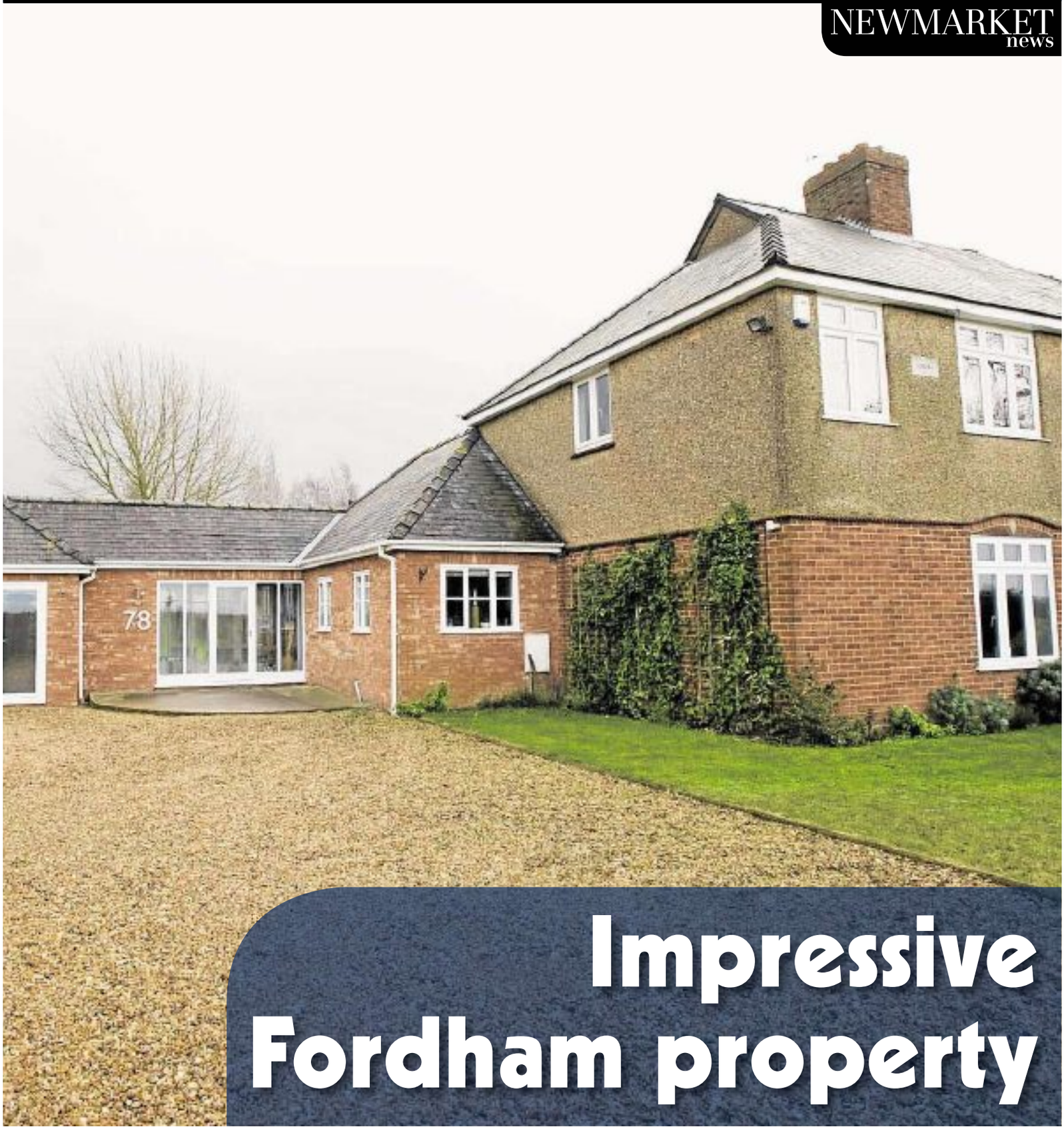

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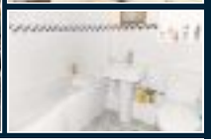

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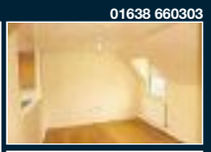

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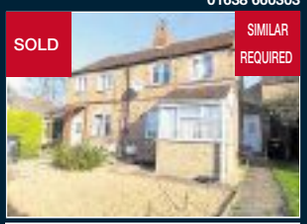

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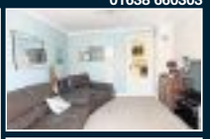

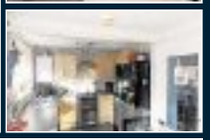

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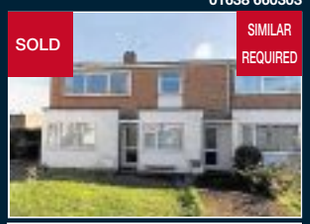

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Newmarket £975

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MARKET COMMENT

We enter into 2016 full of enthusiasm in what promises to be an interesting year. The next couple of weeks we'll see investor buyers desperately trying to buy before April trying to avoid the increased stamp duty on second homes.

There is generally a lack of available properties "FOR SALE" in and around Newmarket, with sellers reluctant to come to the market as they can't find a property to buy. What we are encouraging local sellers to do is have their properties valued, find out what their requirements are and see whether we can make a match. Last year we sold a number of properties without them coming to the open market as we were able to match within our own database. If you are serious about moving and know what you want please give us a call to register on our mailing list and arrange a free valuation of your property.

Cover property

Fordham: £425,000

THIS impressive three to four bedroom semi-detached house in Isleham Road, Fordham, is on the market for £425,000.

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"The whole team at Morris Armitage always ensure the very best service levels at every stage of the process whether someone is buying, selling or renting."

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Wayside Cottage is a charming 3 bedroom property attractively situated in a non estate position adjoining farmland. The cottage is presented in excellent condition and benefits include a sitting room with a fireplace and wood burning stove, a double aspect dining room and a character modern fitted kitchen. Further benefits include a modern fitted bathroom, a garage and a delightful established walled garden. EPC: E.

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Fordham £425,000

An impressive 3/4 bedroom semi-detached house with far-reaching views over open countryside. The spacious accommodation is extremely versatile and includes a large studio/sitting room (currently used for a home business), 2 further reception rooms/ bedroom 4, 2 bath/shower rooms and a spacious kitchen/diner. The gardens extend in all to over half an acre and include an extensive driveway and parking area. EPC: D.

NEW

Cheveley £550,000

A superb 5 bedroom detached house attractively situated in an exclusive development of only 8 properties. The property offers spacious accommodation throughout with 3 reception rooms, a modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room, 2 ensuite shower rooms, a galleried landing and entrance hallway. Further benefits include a large double garage, off-road parking and a part walled garden. EPC: D.

Kentford £415,000

A substantial 5 bedroom detached house standing in a non-estate position close to the centre of this sought after village. The impressive accommodation includes 3 reception rooms, an ensuite shower room and 2 further bath/shower rooms. A double garage at the rear includes a useful first floor studio/office. EPC: C. Outstanding value. NO CHAIN.

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KENNETT £525,000

Outstanding 5 bedroom detached family home with extensive gardens. The property boasts 3 reception rooms, kitchen/family room, cloakroom, utility room and family bathroom. EPC (C)

BURWELL £315,000 NEW

Extended modern and detached 3 bedroom family home with scope for extension subject to relevant consent. Offering fully enclosed garden, garage/additional off road parking. EPC (D)

NEWMARKET £375,000

Superb 2 bedroom detached bungalow which has been cleverly extended in a sought after residential area. Benefiting from spacious accommodation and offering delightful gardens. EPC (C)

BURWELL £285,000 NEW

Superbly presented 3 bedroom family home which has been greatly improved. Boasting well stocked garden, detached garage, driveway parking gated access to rear. Viewing advised. EPC (C)

BURWELL £245,000 NEW PRICE

Rarely available 2 bedroom link detached bungalow. Benefiting from fully enclosed and established garden with access to garage. For sale with no onward chain, early viewing is essential. EPC (E)

LIDGATE £259,995 NEW

Rather special Grade II listed two bedroom thatched cottage. With extensive driveway/parking and useful outhouse/garden shed. Rarely available with no onward chain. Viewing essential.

NEWMARKET £235,000

Superb first floor 2 bedroom apartment set within this gated development offering spacious accommodation. With communal landscaped gardens plus allocated parking space. EPC (C)

BURWELL £199,950 NEW

Semi-detached 2 bedroom bungalow standing in an elevated position. Spacious throughout and offering superb opportunity to improve. Boasting detached garage/off road parking. EPC (D)

RED LODGE £159,950

Surprisingly spacious 2 bedroom ground floor apartment with private rear garden. Superb value for money and ideal first time or investment purchase. With no onward chain. EPC (TBC)

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FORDHAM £1525 PCM — TO LET

Deceptively roomy 4 bedroom property with lovely features. Provides ample off road parking and recently re-turfed garden. Excellent links to RAF Lakenheath. Available now. EPC (C)

BURWELL £1350 PCM — TO LET

Detached 4 bedroom home with spacious accommodation throughout. Providing garage, off-road parking and garden with views to rear. Available mid-January. Viewing a must. EPC (C)

NEWMARKET £1350 PCM — TO LET

Outstanding and impressive 4 bedroom home which is available immediately. Please note that pets are not permitted at this property. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate. EPC (D)

RED LODGE £1150 PCM — TO LET

Outstanding 4 bedroom home with enclosed rear garden and 2 off road parking spaces. Provides excellent access to RAF Mildenhall and A11 - available Mid-January. No pets. EPC (B)

NEWMARKET £990 PCM — TO LET

Rarely available 3 bedroom property boasting spacious accommodation and externally offering a courtyard area. Pets will be considered. Available now and viewing is essential. EPC (F)

BURWELL £850 PCM — TO LET

Unfurnished yet outstanding 3 bedroom property boasting spacious accommodation. Offering fully enclosed garden/off road parking. No dogs, only cats considered. Available now. EPC (C)

NEWMARKET £800 PCM — TO LET

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NEWMARKET £675 PCM — TO LET

Modern 2 bedroom end of terrace property with allocated/guest parking. Includes some white goods. Available mid-January and viewing is highly recommended. No pets are allowed. EPC (TBC)

EXNING £650 PCM — TO LET

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KIRTLING

An outstanding family home with wonderful gardens extending to approximately 1.75 acres in all.
Hall • Drawing Room • Dining Room • Sitting Room • Study 1 • Family Room with Mezzanine Study 2/Library • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Utility Room • Boiler/Boot Room • Cloakroom and Cellars • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom • 4 Further Bedrooms • 3 Bath/ Shower Rooms • Driveway • Double Garage • Workshop • Gardens • Hard Tennis Court • EPC Rating 'D'. Further land available (18.67 acres) by separate negotiation.

Guide Price £1,500,000 FF62910

KIRTLING

A stunning Grade II Listed property in a much favoured edge of village setting with an annexe, outdoor heated swimming pool and established grounds extending to 3.32 acres in all (sts).
• Entrance Hall • Sitting Room • Family/Dining Room • Study • Kitchen • Cloakroom • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom • Landing • Two First Floor Bedrooms • Family Bathroom • Annexe with Sitting Room/Bedroom 4 • Shower Room and Utility Room.

Guide Price £895,000 FF62674

LITTLEPORT, NEAR ELY

A beautifully presented Victorian vicarage with a separate guest annexe and attractive established grounds extending to approximately 2.45 acres in all (sts).
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Guide Price £1,400,000 FF 61726

NEWMARKET

A superb residence overlooking Newmarket's world famous July Racecourse situated approximately a mile from the centre of town.
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NEWMARKET

A well presented ground floor apartment situated in this highly regarded development backing onto Warren Hill Training Grounds with a terrace enjoying views over the communal gardens.
Communal Entrance Hall • Entrance Hall • Sitting/Dining Room • Kitchen • Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom • Separate Cloakroom • Allocated and Visitors Parking • Communal Gardens • Private Terrace. EPC Rating 'B'. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Guide Price £315,000 **FF63800**

OUSDEN

A deceptively spacious family house offering flexible accommodation in a sought after village location with grounds extending to approximately 0.87 acres (sts).
Entrance Hall • Reception Hall • Sitting Room • Family Room • Study • Kitchen/Dining Room • Utility Room • Two Ground Floor Bedrooms • Bathroom • Landing • Two First Floor Bedrooms • Bathroom • Driveway and Parking • Detached Single Garage • Large Garden • EPC Rating 'C'.

Guide Price £595,000 **FF63624**

CHIPPENHAM

A spacious family house enjoying countryside views and set within lovely mature grounds.
• Covered Entrance Porch • Reception Hall • Sitting Room • Dining Room • Garden Room • Study • Kitchen/ Breakfast Room • Utility Room • Cloakroom. Landing • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room • Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway and Parking • Integral Double Garage • Office • Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool • Sauna with Shower • Hot Tub and Large Mature Gardens. EPC Rating 'D'.

Guide Price £745,000 **FF57270**

NEWMARKET

A beautifully presented second floor apartment situated in this highly regarded development backing onto Warren Hill Training Grounds with a balcony enjoying views over the communal gardens.
Communal Entrance Hall • Entrance Hall • Sitting/Dining Room • Kitchen • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room • Bedroom 2 • Bathroom/Cloakroom • Allocated and Visitors Parking • Communal Gardens and Private Balcony. EPC Rating 'B'.

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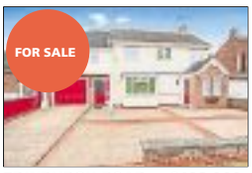

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NEWMARKET news

Ocean Cruising

Baltic Cities & St Petersburg Cruise

Sailing from Tilbury on board Marco Polo, departing 2 May 2016

This classic 'northern waters' cruise features some fascinating ports of call, including medieval Tallinn, Tsarist St Petersburg and a trio of stylish Scandinavian cities. A passage through the Kiel Canal and the opportunity to join an excursion to reunified Berlin from Warnemünde complete the voyage.

Elegant Marco Polo makes her through the waters of Skagerrak to the stylish Danish city Aalborg, with its old town and castle. Calls in Warnemünde and majestic Tallinn, overlooked by Toompea Castle, are followed by the two-day visit to gilded 'St Pete's', where highlights might include the extraordinary Hermitage and the glorious Summer Palace at Peterhof. Turning for home, Marco Polo calls into elegant Helsinki and Swedish Nynäshamn, for the chance to visit delightful Stockholm, before the Kiel Canal brings her back into the North Sea.

Our price includes

- North Jutland's Aalborg is a marvellous Danish port of call
- Take the shore excursion, from Warnemünde, to Berlin
- Discover Tallinn, capital of Estonia
- Enjoy cruising in the Baltic's clear light
- Spend two days in St Petersburg
- Finnish capital Helsinki
- Take an excursion to Stockholm
- Wake early to catch Marco Polo's transit through the Kiel Canal
- Traditional British & International cuisine, stylish entertainment, guest lecturers & on-board leisure facilities
- 12 nights' full board accommodation on board Marco Polo

*Book by 31 March 2016. Offer subject to availability & may be withdrawn at any time. Price shown is the new reduced fare.

Majestic Fjordland

Sailing from Tilbury on board Marco Polo, departing 25 April 2016

This marvellous opportunity to discover to glorious Western Norway in late spring includes memorable passages through a trio of exquisite fjords and some delightful ports of call, with a day in in historic Bergen, the colourful 'Fjordland Gateway', to ensure the enjoyment of a wonderful cruise.

After a first day spent at sea, Marco Polo cruises into majestic Handangerfjord. Step ashore in tiny Ulvik to join an optional shore excursion into the pristine interior, re-boarding the ship in Eidfjord. Another day sees you navigate mighty Sognefjord, home to remote Flåm, where you might board the world famous Flåmsbana Mountain Railway for the stunning journey to Myrdal. Idyllic Hellesylt and Geiranger, in their stunning locations, and delightful Bergen, where you might stroll through the ancient Bryggen area and perhaps take in the view from the summit of 'Mount' Fløyen.

Our price includes

- Cruise the length of stunning Hardangerfjord over 100km into the Norwegian interior, calling at Ulvik and Eidfjord
- Flåm lies at the head of mighty Sognefjord
- Hellesylt and Geiranger are beguiling fjordland villages
- Visit Bergen, ancient trading city and 'Gateway to the Fjords'
- Traditional British & International cuisine, stylish entertainment, guest lecturers & on-board leisure facilities
- 7 nights' full board accommodation on board Marco Polo*Book by 31 March 2016. Offer subject to availability & may be withdrawn at any time. Price shown is the new reduced fare.

Springtime Fjordland Cruise

Sailing from Tilbury on board Marco Polo, departing 4 & 10 April 2016

These wonderful springtime cruises take in the splendours of glorious Western Norway awakening from its winter slumber, and include visits to two of the most famous fjords, with their picture-book villages and pristine hinterland, as well as historic Bergen, ancient Hanseatic trading city and 'Fjordland Gateway'.

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- Take the optional excursion on the world famous Flåmsbana Mountain Railway
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Wheels

AVAILABLE TO ORDER NOW: The Volkswagen Golf GT

Trim upgrades from Volkswagen

VOLKSWAGEN is gearing up for a busy start to 2016 with a raft of trim upgrades across the brand's core models. New versions of the Polo, Golf, and Passat Saloon and Estate are available to order from Volkswagen retailers now, with deliveries set to begin early this year.

Leading the charge is the generously-equipped Polo Match. Replacing the popular SE trim the new Polo Match – available in three- and five-door bodystyles and with a broad range of engine and transmission options – adds more than £900-worth of extra equipment to Volkswagen's perennially popular supermini.

Among the new standard-fit features on the Polo Match are cruise control, front and rear parking sensors, front fog lights with static cornering function, tinted rear windows and smart new 15-inch Stratford alloy wheels. All this comes with a price rise of £100, meaning the Polo Match is available to order now from £12,735.

The iconic Volkswagen Golf, now in its seventh generation, continues the 2016 momentum with the imminent showroom debuts of the Golf GT Edition and Golf R-Line Edition, priced from £23,915 – £300 more than the GT it replaces.

Meanwhile, he Golf R-Line Edition will be available to order from £24,860 and, as with the new GT Edition, is set to arrive in Volkswagen showrooms early this year.

More at *volkswagen.co.uk*.

E-TYPES: Parade at Silverstone

2016 looks great for Silverstone Classic fans

WITH the arrival of 2016 comes another new year packed with automotive anniversaries to be celebrated in stunning style with mouth-watering displays and eye-catching track parades at the annual Silverstone Classic (July 29-31).

In recent years, the famous Silverstone Grand Prix circuit has staged record processions featuring evocative E-type Jaguars, fabulous Ferrari F40s, evergreen Porsche 911s, muscular Ford Mustangs and historic Formula One cars.

Many clubs are already revving up for new parties in July. The BMW Car Club GB is marking the opening of the original Bayerische Motoren Werke manufacturing company in 1916, the Lamborghini Club UK is honouring the 50th anniversary of the iconic Miura supercar as well as 100 years since the birth of founder Feruccio Lamborghini while the Morgan Sports Car Club is paying tribute to the 4/4 model, which turns 80 in 2016 and remains the oldest model in the world still in production today.

Details at *silverstoneclassic.com*.

Japanese and Korean models top reliability poll

AUTO EXPRESS magazine exclusively publishes the results of one of the UK's most comprehensive car reliability studies today, the Warrantywise UK Dependability Table.

According to the exclusive data provided to the UK's biggest selling weekly car magazine *Auto Express* by leading warranty provider Warrantywise, Japanese and Korean cars are more dependable than their European or US rivals. The table also reveals which brands are likely to see owners visiting the service workshop more often, and who will have to spend the most (and least) to put their cars right.

Each car manufacturer has been ranked by a dependability factor, based on the number of reported faults or breakdowns, with a score of 75 representing the UK average. A rating above 75 is considered good, and below 60 signifies a high incidence of repair work is required. Average costs, vehicle age and model are also considered in the Warrantywise ranking, with the average age for this table being 6.29 years.

To be included in the table each brand is required to have at least 100 active Warrantywise policies.

Toyota is ranked top brand for dependability (backing the 2015 *Auto Express* Driver Power survey results). UK top-sellers Ford and Vauxhall ranked eighth and 17th respectively. The table also shows that big spend and premium brand motoring doesn't always guarantee a hassle-free ownership experience, with Bentley, Jaguar and Porsche all scoring below 60 in the dependability ratings.

TOYOTA: A popular and reliable marque

If your car does break down, the average repair cost in the UK is £639, with the lowest average bills from Smart and MG. Makers such as Peugeot and Ford also produce models that are among the cheapest to repair.

For the full table of results visit *autoexpress.co.uk*.

The top five relability marques are Toyota, Honda, Suzuki, Mitsubishi and Mazda.

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km). Vauxhall range (excl. Ampera): Urban: 12.7 (22.3) - 76.3 (3.7). Extra-urban: 23.9 (11.8) - 94.2 (3.0). Combined: 18.0 (15.7) - 88.3 (3.2). CO_2 emissions: 373 - 85g/km. We reserve the right to end or withdraw these offers at any time. Models shown for illustration purposes only. These offers supersede any previously advertised offers.

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Crown Garage to celebrate 80th anniversary in style

CROWN Garage is hosting an 80th birthday celebration at its Soham showroom this Saturday.

The Honda dealership will open its High Street doors from 9am to 5pm to thank its customers and colleagues "for your loyal custom over the years".

"We will be featuring a complementary hog roast and fun for all the family including simulators, the Fastest Ride on Lawnmower in the world, the Honda Type R through the years, the Honda Touring Car and a Type R Mugen," says sales director Derek Fisher. "Other attractions include our complementary nail bar, rouletet table and the Honda British Superbike. Also present will be Honda motorbikes, quads, power equipment and the chance to win up to £1,000. Please come and join us for food and drink and an experience to remember along with some extra special 80th celebration offers to match."

Andy Harrison, managing director of Crown Garages, which also owns a site in King's Lynn, says: "We've been in Little Downham and Soham for 80 years years - we moved over here in the 1970s. We've been Honda since 2001, prior to that we were Rover and all that Rover was over the years,

THANKS FOLKS: Crown Garage is hosting its 80th anniversary event on Saturday

Crown Garages was started by Ada Butcher in 1935. "We even have an original franchise agreement with Morris dated 1938," says Andy. "Ada had three sons one of whom sadly died but the two others, Geoff and Cyril Murfitt, took the business on. Geoff went on to have three sons and his eldest Michael came into the business in 1970 and the younger brother Paul came into the business as an accountant in 1986. I joined in 2003. the year we became a full Honda dealer."

Crown was a Rover dealer until Rover until 2001, with its status as a full Honda dealership confirmed in

CIVIC TYPE R: On display

2003. Current successes include the new Jazz 1.3-litre petrol, the new 1.5 petrol/1.6 diesel HR-V, "and we have some of the best-ever offers on the new Civic and the new HR-V".

"We'll have every model of the Type R for our celebration day," adds Andy. "that's the 2002, 2005, 2008, and the modern-day version which has a 306bhp powertrain: prices start at £30,000 and, as with all our new cars sales, includes five years free servicing and low-rate finance options."

A selection of used cars will also be available for viewing on the day.

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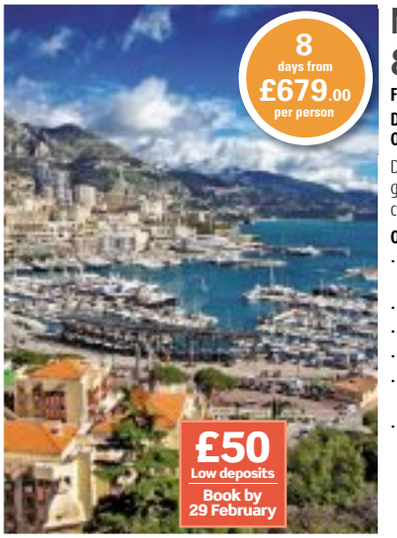

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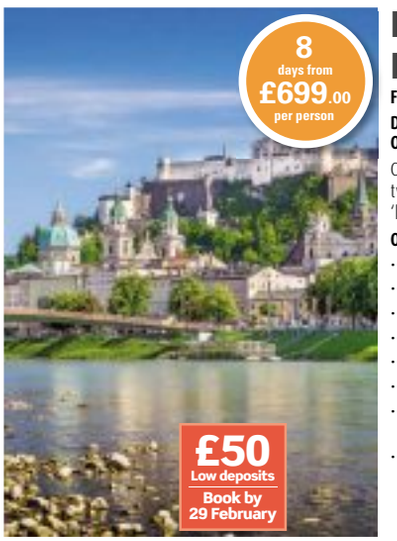

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ASIAN ADVENTURE: Ben Shepperson had an eye-opening time on his MCC tour of Nepal
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Shepperson gets a new perspective on Nepal tour

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CAST your eyes over the ICC world rankings for Test, one-day and Twenty20 matches and you will see all of the usual suspects.

But Mildenhall captain Ben Shepperson saw enough young talent on his recent trip to Nepal to believe the South Asia nation could one day become known for its batting and bowling.

Shepperson was part of a 13-man MCC squad that toured one of the world's poorest countries, playing matches, coaching enthusiastic youngsters and learning more about its people.

It was an eye-opening couple of weeks for him and his team-mates on several levels. The passion for sport and the incredible spirit shown in adversity – Nepal was rocked by earthquakes last April and has been in the grips of a fuel crisis – made a massive impact on the whole party.

"We went to a few areas that were really affected by the earthquakes, but they seem to be getting on with things as best they can and they have a very positive outlook on life," said Shepperson.

"They were all so willing to help, take you under their wing and show you around, and that's something I'll really take from the experience.

"You could see on the streets and everywhere you went that there was poverty around, but that didn't seem to affect the spirit of the people, and I think that really hit everyone.

"I think everyone on the tour went away with a different perspective on things."

Shepperson is a qualified Level Two coach and has also been working with youngsters while playing out in Australia this winter for Runaway Bay.

And he was mightily impressed by the standard of the Nepalese teenagers he put through their paces.

"We coached some of the juniors over there and they were really, really talented," said Shepperson.

"It looks like the next generation of cricketers in Nepal could really help them up their level and become more of a force in world cricket.

"The thing that really stood out for me was how willing they were to listen. Anything you did they wanted to replicate and, as a coach, that's all you can ask for.

"Their attitude was incredible and they had a real willingness to improve.

"When we first got there I think people thought 'wow, these guys have come over to help', and you started to form close bonds. After two or three sessions with some of the same youngsters you could really see an improvement."

It was the third MCC tour of Nepal following previous trips in 2003 and 2009, and Shepperson's first having come through trials after being recommended by Mildenhall life vice-president Andrew Squire.

ADVICE: Ben Shepperson on coaching duty

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The side, which was captained by Leicestershire all-rounder Neil Dexter, played a mixture of two-day, Twenty20 and 40-over games in Kathmandu and Pokhara.

"It was hectic and we had a lot going on, but I don't think anyone would have wanted it any other way," said Shepperson.

"We had a lot of cricket to fit in with only 13 players, but overall the squad performed pretty well.

"We made the most of everything we got to see and playing against the people we got to play against while we were out there, so it was very successful.

"We played primarily against Nepal, either their first team, second team or the under-19s, and we played a club team as well.

"The club team actually gave us a really good game, and it went down to the final ball and they beat us.

"Cricket seems to be really taking off over there. I don't think any of the players really knew what to expect, but there's a connection between the MCC and Nepal.

"You could see that cricketing connection has been built over a long period of time and is developing really well."

As well as helping youngsters develop their skills, Shepperson, who is a top-order batsman and can also bowl leg-spin, was keen to learn things himself.

"There were times when it was really difficult because of the quality of the opposition," said Shepperson.

"The pitches were prepared well, but very different to what we're used to, especially when facing spin bowling.

"That's where I feel I developed my game most, and being out there in the middle for a period of time was an experience to really learn from.

"Some of the players I played with, like Neil, have given me things to work on that will also help me with my game, so for my own development as a cricketer it was a really productive tour as well."

The tour ended in November and Shepperson is now back on the Gold Coast continuing his latest cricketing adventure Down Under.

And his next mission will start in April when Mildenhall make another attempt to win the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship, Division One title and clinch promotion back to the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League.

The club were last in the region's top flight in 2006.

"That will be back to real life," said Shepperson.

"Hopefully we can get the club into the Premier League and that's something I'd like to help with."

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Brown's blast sets up Mildenhall win

Football

DAN Brown grabbed a first-half hat-trick to set Mildenhall on their way to a 4-0 victory at Clacton in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

Manager Dean Greygoose had been calling for his side to be more ruthless in front of goal and they responded in the perfect manner, with Brown leading the way.

Matt Green got the other for Mildenhall, finishing from Gareth Simpson's cross as the visitors led by four goals at the interval.

And although he felt they could have added more to their tally in the second half, Greygoose was quick to praise Brown and his team-mates for their display.

"Dan Brown got a first-half hat-trick and he is getting better every week," said Greygoose.

"He started the season as a squad player, but he has improved so much and all he needed to do was add a few more goals.

"It was a great performance and I was really chuffed for the boys after what had been a difficult month."

The result is Mildenhall's first win since the start of December and moves them up a place to 12th in the standings.

They will aim to make it back-to-back league wins when they head to Haverhill Rovers, who beat Mildenhall 2-1 earlier in the season, this Saturday.

Kevin Grainger was happy to settle for a point as **Newmarket** drew 2-2 away to Stanway Rovers.

Alfie Ball's first goal in senior football had the Jockeys 1-0 up at half time, although Stanway levelled early in the second half.

Jake Wayne restored the lead after Steve Holder's free kick was fumbled by the Stanway goalkeeper.

But although the hosts levelled again from a free kick to earn a draw, Grainger was still pleased.

"It's been a tough month and a difficult run we have been on," said Newmarket boss Grainger.

"Hopefully we can take a little bit of confidence from this."

The draw at Stanway ended a run of four consecutive defeats for Newmarket and Grainger hopes they can soon start climbing back up the table from their current position of eighth.

But they must first pass another test from Stanway, who visit Cricket Field Road this Saturday.

HAT-TRICK HERO: Dan Brown grabbed three in the first half for Mildenhall as they saw off Clacton

Racing

Newmarket unfazed by ITV4 link

NEWMARKET Racecourses insist ITV4 would be a suitable home for many of their fixtures after ITV secured a four-year deal to show live racing from 2017.

Reports suggest that of the 34 fixtures to be broadcast on the network's main channel, only the opening day of the QIPCO Guineas Festival, featuring the 2000 Guineas, is set to be featured alongside meetings like Royal Ascot, Glorious Goodwood and the Cheltenham Festival.

Key Newmarket cards, including the QIPCO 1000 Guineas, July Festival, Cambridgeshire meeting and the Future Champions fixture, are all reportedly lined up for 60 slots of racing scheduled on ITV4.

But Amy Starkey, regional director for Jockey Club Racecourses East Region, believes ITV4 has already "proven easy to turn to for sports fans".

She said: "It is understandable this new TV deal has sparked excitement and debate, but it is disappointing so much is being said about a leaked provisional list of headline meetings and it really is too early to speculate.

"Newmarket Racecourses will enjoy good coverage across ITV's main channel alongside the first day of the QIPCO Guineas Festival, as well as top-quality racing on ITV4, which has proven easy to turn to for sports fans.

"ITV has committed to broadcast from more than one racecourse on days beyond the crown jewel events, just like the current Channel 4 arrangement.

"Everything will be decided in on-going discussions with ITV and in line with the 2017 fixture process."

The official statement issued by Racecourse Media Group that announced the new deal on Saturday did not mention any fixtures from Newmarket with the main ITV station.

Williamson leads the way for Joggers contingent in Ely

Athletics

NEIL Williamson was first home for Newmarket Joggers in the Ely 10k with a time of 44min 25sec.

He was closely followed by David McLaughlin in 44.52, with Clive Purbrook (45.20), Brian Munns (45.33), Jeremy Reader (45.41) and John Duke, in a personal best of 47.02 next home.

Pauline Green was the Joggers' first female finisher in 51.55, with Belinda Schofield just behind her in 52.04.

Following them were Jim Withers (54.27), Carolynn Anderson (55.24), Alice Leadbeter (56.40) and Malcolm Osborn (56.57).

Emma Townsend (57.19) and Lisa Jennings (57.39) had fantastic runs, both knocking four and five minutes respectively off their personal bests and achieving the long awaited sub-60 minute runs

Sarah Sales (59.39), Sally Nicholson (59.53), Pearl Fay (1hr 6min 53sec) and Jenny Osborn (1:09.23) and Jennie Grimwood all finished strongly as well.

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